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RUN IN WHICH WORKPIECES ARE SUPPLIED TO WORKSTATIONS
BY AN AUTOLOADER

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LETTER RESPONDING TO
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We have received a "Communication Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request and/or Notice of Foreign Filing" in the above-identified application, which was mailed from the Patent Office on December 2, 2003. A copy of this notice is enclosed. On October 9, 2003, we filed a Supplemental Application Data Sheet changing "Request for Non-Publication?" from No to Yes. No communication requesting rescission of the non-publication request has been filed. The enclosed notice was issued in error. Applicant does request non-publication in this application. Please delete this notice from the file and send an acknowledgement indicating the non-publication status of this application.

If any additional information is needed, or if there are any questions in this matter, please contact the undersigned at 216-566-9700.

Respectfully submitted,

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Communication Regarding Rescission Of Nonpublication Request and/or Notice of Foreign Filing

Applicant's rescission of the previously-filed nonpublication request and/or notice of foreign filing is acknowledged. The paper has been reflected in the Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) computer records so that the earliest possible projected publication date can be assigned.

The projected publication date is 01/06/2005.

If applicant rescinded the nonpublication request before or on the date of "foreign filing,"¹ then no notice of foreign filing is required.

If applicant foreign filed the application after filing the above application and before filing the rescission, and the rescission did not also include a notice of foreign filing, then a notice of foreign filing (not merely a rescission) is required to be filed within 45 days of the date of foreign filing. See 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii), and Clarification of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Interpretation of the Provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(ii)-(iv), 1272 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 22 (July 1, 2003).

If a notice of foreign filing is required and is not filed within 45 days of the date of foreign filing, then the application becomes abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii). In this situation, applicant should either file a petition to revive or notify the Office that the application is abandoned. See 37 CFR 1.137(f). Any such petition to revive will be forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision. Note that the filing of the petition will not operate to stay any period of reply that may be running against the application.

Questions regarding petitions to revive should be directed to the Office of Petitions at (703) 305-9282. Questions regarding publications of patent applications should be directed to the patent application publication hotline at (703) 605-4283 or by e-mail pgpub@uspto.gov.

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